



Bulletin

11th November 2018 - 3rd Sunday before Advent

Welcome to the Parishes of Stansted Mountfitchet, Birchanger and Farnham.

We hope you enjoy worshipping with us.

**If you are here for the first time or visiting from another church,
do stay for coffee and introduce yourself.**

POPPYS IN ST JOHN'S

Thank you to everyone involved in decorating St John's to mark the one hundredth anniversary of the end of World War 1. Special thanks go to the members of Junior Choir, who created the poppies which make up the beautiful displays in front of the altar and on the walls of the Church.

ALPHA COURSE

The Alpha Course is coming to Stansted from January '19. It is being coordinated by Family Church, with some members of the team coming from other churches as well. Each Alpha session includes a meal, a short DVD and a time of discussion, giving an opportunity for people who don't go to church (or perhaps recently started attending) to explore the basics of the Christian faith. (See www.alpha.org) Several members of our team have run Alpha before and will be leading the sessions but if you would like to be involved in putting on this course there are a number of different roles available – from preparing or serving food on one or more of the sessions, to helping with a discussion, or simply chatting with people to make them feel welcome. We are planning both daytime and evening taster sessions in late January. If you would like to know more, we would love to hear from you. Please contact contactstanfam@yahoo.com / Ros Page on 810813.

BIRCHANGER CHRISTMAS FAMILY PRIZE BINGO

Saturday 8th December at 7pm in the Church Hall.

Tickets: £10 per adult/ £5 for children incl supper

Contact **Pam Lee on 07702171744**

ST JOHN'S 300 CLUB

Many congratulations to the winners of the October draw:

£100	No.64	Pamela Jackson
£50	No.170	Ray Smith
£25	No.102	June Winter

Next draw will be on Sunday 25th November following the 9.30am service. Numbers are still available for anyone who may wish to join at a cost of £2/month/number. Please ask me for an application form if you would like to be in with a chance of winning whilst helping to support the work of St Johns Church. Thank you,
Jean Newson 819062

ST MARY'S CHURCH FARNHAM

CHRISTMAS TREE AND TRIBUTES FESTIVAL

Saturday 15th December at 11.00am - 3.30pm. Singing by Farnham School Children and led by Isobel Bradshaw. Wood

Wind of Bishop's Stortford/Father Christmas at 12.30pm/Refreshments & Raffle. Details from **B Stubbing 776168 or Ann Moore 776220**

FARNHAM SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 24th November 11am – 2pm

CHRISTMAS MARKET

SATURDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

12noon – 3pm

BOOK STALL: Good condition paperbacks wanted for the book stall please. **Liz Jennings 813270**

GIFT STALL: By massive popular demand the fantastic and famous GIFT STALL will be making yet another amazing appearance at our Christmas Market. But, we do need lots of nice gifts to sell so we would welcome lots of nice donations of articles suitable as gifts. These may be left at the back of the Church clearly marked "Gift Stall" or we can collect - just let us know. Thank You Everyone! **Christine and Bill Stiles 813172**

CAKE STALL: Once again we are having a cake stall at the Christmas Market and would really appreciate any contributions whether they are large cakes, small cakes, jams, breads, anything edible. These can be delivered to the Church on Sat 17th November, or even the day before and left at the back of the Church. I would also willingly collect them from you if that makes life easier. Please let me know if you want me to do this. With many thanks,
Julie Lenton 813208

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS STALL: Do you have any old Christmas decorations you are fed up with? Well, buy yourselves some new ones and send the old ones our way! Please bring them to church, or leave them in the porch of 21 Park Road, Stansted. No enormous Christmas trees thank you, but small artificial trees, Christmas ornaments, baubles, tinsel etc very welcome.
Kathy West & Margaret Hill 816293

BOTTLE TOMBOLA: Bottles for the tombola are still needed and they must be in the church by Friday 16th. If necessary I will collect. **John Jaques 656645**

TOILETRIES STALL: Dear Friends, this is my annual plea to you lovely people for donations. Please, if you have any unused beauty products / bath products / toiletries in general, for women, men or children that you no longer want (perhaps unwanted gifts), let me know I will gladly have them. Donations can be left in the Church showing my name or I can very easily call to collect them. With many thanks. **Ann Lee 813310**

11TH NOVEMBER – 3RD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**Hymns:** 547, 637, 454**Bible Readings:**

Reading: Jonah 3.1-5,10

Reader: Sandy Wood

Gospel: Mark 1.14-20

Interceder: Roland Pelly

Traditional Collect

Almighty Father,
 whose will is to restore all things
 in thy beloved Son, the King of all:
 govern the hearts and minds of those in authority
 and bring the families of the nations,
 divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
 to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
 who liveth and reigneth with thee,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

18TH NOVEMBER – 2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**Bible Readings:**

Reading: Daniel 12.1-3

Reader: Ray Smith

Gospel: Mark 13.1-8

Interceder: Peter Jones

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

*Those who are sick, especially Georgina Kemp,
 Dawn Venables and Crystal Cock from Farnham,
 that they will have God's healing and peace as they
 need it and that their families and friends will know
 God's strength as they support them.*

*Those who have recently died,
 especially Ronald Page, Jim Ward and Derrick Eady,
 for their friends and families.*

*In the Anglican Cycle of prayer we are asked to pray
 for the ministry of all those who work with young
 people, and especially the Diocesan Area Youth
 Advisers. We remember St Mark's College, its
 Director Peter Hillman, and all who work there. Also
 those who minister at the Asheldham Centre and
 Barry Howard, the Manager.*

Please send any material to be shared in the next Bulletin or
 requests for the prayer list to the Parish Administrator
 by 9am on Friday 16th November. Anything coming after this
 time will be forwarded to the next week. Thank you.

**Bible Readings
for the Week Ahead**

Mon 12 Nov	Psalm 20 Revelation 5
Tue 13 Nov	Psalm 21 Revelation 6
Wed 14 Nov	Psalm 23 Revelation 7.1-4, 9-end
Thu 15 Nov	Psalm 26 Revelation 8
Fri 16 Nov	Psalm 32 Revelation 9.1-12
Sat 17 Nov	Psalm 33 Revelation 9.13-end

*Thoughts to accompany these readings are
 published as "Reflections for Daily Prayer" available
 as a book or smartphone app. If you have problems
 obtaining a copy the Rector would be glad to help.*

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD***St John's Stansted*****Monday 11am** - funeral Jim Ward**Tuesday 9.15am** - St John's Tots**Wednesday 9am** - Morning Prayers**10am** - Holy Communion**Thursday 10.30am** - Coffee Pot**Saturday 12noon** - Christmas Market**Sunday 8am** - Holy Communion**9.30am** - Sung Eucharist***St Mary's Birchanger*****Sunday 11.15am** - Family Service***St Mary's Farnham*****Sunday 11am** - Holy Communion**Rector:**

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